

REMARKS

Claims 27 and 79-93 are pending in the present case. With the present amendments, claim 27 has been cancelled. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's reconsideration of the election requirement and thank him for his consideration.

I. Specification

The Examiner has requested correction of the continuing data section of the application. Applicants have corrected the continuing data section on page 2 to list the issued patent numbers of the related applications described herein.

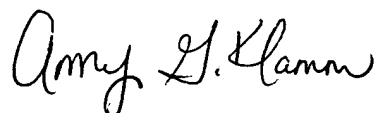
II. Double Patenting

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, as claiming the same invention as claim 5 from related U.S. Patent 6,017,534. Applicants have cancelled claim 27.

Claims 79-85 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-34 of related U.S. Patent 6,017,534. Applicants are herewith submitting a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections of claims 79-85.

It is believed that no fees are due at this time. However, should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11792.0215.DVUS02.

Respectfully submitted,

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